

(Washington, DC)— Congresswoman Gwen Moore secured \$2 million in research and development funds for the Milwaukee area, bringing innovative technology that can lead to more jobs and business in the Fourth Congressional District. The funds are included in the House Defense Appropriations bill, which is expected to pass the House of Representatives.

“This funding brings research and development initiatives to our community that could translate into more high-tech jobs and innovative technologies in the Milwaukee area,” Congresswoman Gwen Moore said. “These funds could help produce state of the art technologies that are needed for our area to compete in a global economy.”

Congresswoman Moore secured the following research and development funding for the Milwaukee area for a total of \$2 million:

- 1) \$500,000 for development of personalized orthopedic implants by Vantus Technology Corporation.
- 2) \$500,000 for development of a smaller, more efficient super boiler for use on Army bases by Cleaver-Brooks.
- 3) \$500,000 for a revolutionary Universal Solid-State Circuit Breaker by DRS Technologies.
- 4) \$500,000 for development of superconducting magnetic energy storage by Tesla Laboratories of West Allis.

Moore secured \$500,000 in funding that would allow Vantus Technology Corporation to develop personalized orthopedic implants for military patients so that they no longer have to rely on one-size-fits-all off the shelf implants. Instead, doctors could scan the patient’s body and have a unique implant created for them, improving the patient’s comfort and rehabilitation. Vantus is currently part of the MOVE Center, a joint initiative with UW-M for protective, rehabilitative, and assistive technologies for wounded and disabled soldiers. Congresswoman Moore secured \$1 million to establish the initiative in 2006.

Moore also secured \$500,000 for the development of a super boiler – a more efficient, smaller and environmental-friendly boiler – for army bases by Cleaver-Brooks. By allowing further research and development of this new technology, these funds could help make Milwaukee a leader in the industry. Expansion of new technology for commercial use in the area could also bring jobs and economic growth to the Milwaukee area.

Additionally, Moore brought home \$500,000 in funding for DRS Technologies for its Universal Solid-State Circuit breaker, which is critical in the Navy’s transition to more powerful, all-electric ships for stronger and safer ships for our military personnel. In her push for more jobs and economic opportunity, Moore has secured \$2 million for this project over the past two years, which has helped with economic growth in the area.

Finally, Moore obtained \$500,000 for the development of innovative technology that would provide improved energy storage and delivery, as well as yield lighter, less expensive power supply units for the Navy by Tesla Laboratories. In addition to providing crucial technology for the Navy, this cutting edge research by a local West Allis small business could mean additional high-tech jobs for our area as the technology matures.

“Fostering research and development in our community could help new technology and the additional business and jobs that come with it flourish in the Milwaukee area. These funds would be crucial in our continuing efforts to improve Milwaukee’s standing in the global economy,” Moore said.

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